

APSR Appendix

3. Program Support

a) **Discuss planned updates to the training plan, including** staff development plans based on the new caseworker visit requirements (improve retention, recruitment, training and access to technology) and training with Title IV-E funds (including courses offered, numbers and positions of prospective attendees, and estimated cost).

Page 60 – IV-E funds will not be used for the MSU and CD Child Welfare Grant project.
Basic Orientation Supervisory Skills Training is 32 hours instead of 40 hours.
CD Clinical Supervisory Training is 39 hours instead of 48 hours.

Page 61 – IV-E funds will not be used for the CD Clinical Supervisor Training.

5. Consultation with Physicians or Appropriate Medical Professional

Describe how the State agency actively consults with and involves physicians or other appropriate medical professionals in assessing the health and well-being of foster children and determining appropriate medical treatment.

In addition to the consultation indicated on page 70, the Program Improvement Plan Advisory Board involves multiple departments including mental health and health professionals who provide input to improve services for children.

The Missouri's Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Initiative ensures all Missouri 's children receive the mental health services they need through a comprehensive, seamless system that delivers services at the local level. The Comprehensive System Management Team (CSMT) was responsible for the development of the children's comprehensive plan and continues to address the recommendations generated from the advisory committee and other planning workgroups. Members of the CSMT consist of CD staff and other mental health professionals.

Jackson County CD continues its partnership with ReachOut America for the provision of dental services to children in the division's care and custody. The "dental van" is a mobile dentistry resource where children receive routine check ups which include an x-ray, cleaning, basic fillings and extractions. The dental care is provided by a qualified dentist. The dental van has provided and continues to provide a much needed resource for children to receive their basic dental needs.

7. Monthly Caseworker Visit Data and State Plan Requirements

a) **The State must describe:**

- **how the State will use the additional funds under IV-B 2** to support monthly caseworker visits with children who in foster care
- **the procedures** developed to track and report caseworker visit data
- **the State standards** for content and frequency of caseworker visits which assure children are visited on a monthly basis.

In addition to the activities indicated on pages 72-73 that the CD intends to carry out, the division is working on a contract with the University of Kentucky to purchase the 360, an

evaluation process to enhance employee development and growth. CD will also purchase or contract for technical assistance and continued support/consultation for supervisors. The Learning Circles/Labs will foster and support collective learning and generate useful knowledge on an ongoing basis that can have a positive impact for the supervisors to share a commitment to leadership development. Learning circles/labs will likely be convened within regions that may enable a diverse group of supervisors to meet face to face to pursue learning and to share with one another on a broad range of issues.

The division will also purchase up to 500 Tablet PCs which would be available to staff to take to home visits and update/enter the required visitation documentation. This data could then populate the FACES system directly in wireless zones or be uploaded into FACES later in non-wireless zones.

8. CAPTA State Grant

f). Submit a copy of the annual report(s) from the citizen review panels, and a copy of the State agency's most recent response(s) to the panels and State/local cps agencies.

Information on and recommendations received regarding the citizen review panels are reported on pages 80-83. In addition to what has been reported on these pages, as a result of the reviews of individual child fatality cases, local Child Fatality Review Panels made specific recommendations for prevention during 2006. Some of these included:

Supervision:

- Swimming: Post more "No Swimming" signs by dangerous rivers
- Around Cars: educate children on street crossing safety and on safety related to vehicles, in particular, car trunks

Physical Abuse/Trauma (includes CA/N):

- Educate public as well as parents on how to handle challenging child behaviors

Guns/Weapons:

- School Board should be approached about the possibility of adding gun safety to their curriculums
- News release to be done following child death, to remind public about importance of gun safety

Suicide:

- Teachers, professionals and caretakers should be proactive with children who are bullied at school

ATV Accidents:

- Schools should include ATV safety education in school papers

Medical Cause/Natural:

- Parent education on asthma (signs to watch for, have inhaler at all times)

Co-Sleeping/Inappropriate Sleep Arrangements/ SIDS:

- Education at women's shelters on safe sleep and discourage co-sleeping in shelters
- Educational activities about safe sleep at the local hospitals for expecting parents, and parents of newborns
- Provide information on Back to Sleep to daycare providers

The Children's Division Practice Development Unit is in the process of meeting with the State Technical Assistance Team to develop prevention strategies based on these recommendations.

Below are the links to the annual citizen review panels.

Child Abuse/Neglect Annual Report: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/re/pdf/can/cancy05.pdf>

Child Fatality Review Program Annual Report: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/re/cfrar05/index.htm>

Task Force on Children's Justice: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/cjtf/index.htm>

9. Chafee Foster Care Independent Living Services Program (CFCIP)

g). Describe how the State uses, or plans to use, the option to expand Medicaid to provide services to youth ages 18 to 20 years old who have aged out of foster care.

Page 94 - Describe if and how the state has utilized the option to expand Medicaid:

Replace with: Missouri Continuing Health Improvement Act of 2007, modifying various provisions relating to the state medical assistance program and changing the name of the program to MO HealthNet. Specifically, this act extends Medicaid coverage for foster care youth from the age of 18 to 21, if the youth was in foster care on his/her 18th birthday.

11. Financial and Statistical Information Reporting

b). Complete CFS-101 Part III for all programs under this PI to show estimated and actual FY 2005 expenditures and administrative costs – compare actual and estimated costs and provide an explanation for differences.

Total expenditures for IV-B part II activities exceed the actual amount of the grant for FFY 2005. In the past, amounts were allocated equally between all areas. For the past two years, the Children's Division changed the allocation amounts to be in proportion to how the funding is utilized. In FY 2005, \$2,283,564 was budgeted for Family Preservation, Family Support Services, Time-Limited Family Reunifications Services, Adoption Promotion and Support Services. In FY 2005, \$16,720,700 was spent on IV-B part 2 type activities. Family Preservation Services expended \$6,294,007; Family Preservation, \$738,785 on Family Reunification, and \$9,687,908 on Community Partnerships which provide community-based family support and other services including adoption promotion and support services. Expenditures in excess of the grant are taken to other sources including state funds and other allowable federal sources. The above expenditures on Family Reunification are for contracted services only. In addition, to these services, Children's Division staff provide Family Reunification services. The division also contracts with private agencies to develop Adoptive and Foster family resources. The difference between budgeted and expended in IV-B part 2 was that expenditures exceeded the grant award and the changes in methodology on allocating funds between the four areas.

The difference from budgeted to expended in FY 2005 in the Chafee and ETV programs, are due to timing in implementation of and changes to the Older Youth programs.

d). Provide actual expenditures of Chafee allocated funds for FY05 (final) and FY06 (year to date). Identify percentage of Chafee funds used for room and board in FY05, how funds were used, and any planned changes.

The approximate amount of Chafee funds expended for room and board for FY 05 was \$144,124.

Additional Required Supporting Information

Foster and Adoptive Parents Recruitment

- Describe planned activities for recruiting foster and adoptive families in FY08.

Recruitment activities for FY 08 include but are not limited to the following:

- Recruitment booths located in various venues including county fairs, hospitals or health centers church, college and other school fairs.
- Activities such as Linking Hearts in Phelps County will allow the division to partner with UMC-Rolla and the community to provide opportunities for prospective adoptive families to interact with children in need of permanent homes.
- The Missouri Heart Gallery – Four sites have been scheduled thus far for FFY 08 including two in St. Louis, Kansas City and Jefferson City.
- Advertisement in movie theaters, PSA on radio stations.
- Hosting "Adoption" days throughout state.
- Community informational meetings.
- Faith based activities; One Church, One Child celebration days, speaking at and providing flyers in churches.
- Speaking at Civic clubs and associations. i.e Lions, Elks. Urban Leagues, NAACP, school boosters.